

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 21 and 28 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, amend Claims 22, 23, 26, 27 and 29, and add new Claims 30 and 31 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. to 22. (Canceled)

22. (Currently amended) A data communication apparatus connected to an image storage apparatus via a network, said communication apparatus comprising:  
reception means for receiving a print request including ID information identifying an image and an actual print size of the image to be printed;  
acquisition means for, if the print request includes multiple actual print sizes for the same ID information, requesting one of the multiple actual print sizes to the image storage apparatus via the network and acquiring image data having the requested one actual print size from the image storage apparatus; and  
generating means for generating print information corresponding to each of the multiple actual print sizes, using the acquired image data. The apparatus according to claim 21;

wherein said image storage apparatus obtains image data from an image storage device on the basis of a characteristic of a printer to be used and a characteristic of a recording medium on which image is printed, and transfers the obtained image data to said data communication apparatus.

23. (Currently amended) A data communication apparatus connected to an image storage apparatus via a network, said communication apparatus comprising:

reception means for receiving a print request including ID information identifying an image and an actual print size of the image to be printed;

acquisition means for, if the print request includes multiple actual print sizes for the same ID information, requesting one of the multiple actual print sizes to the image storage apparatus via the network and acquiring image data having the requested one actual print size from the image storage apparatus; and

generating means for generating print information corresponding to each of the multiple actual print sizes, using the acquired image data. ~~The apparatus according to claim 21;~~

wherein said image storage apparatus comprises:

calculation means for calculating the size of image to be obtained, on the basis of the actual print size requested by said data communication apparatus; and

means for obtaining the image data having the ID information from an image storage device and transferring the obtained image data to said data communication apparatus.

24. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said image storage apparatus obtains image data having a size larger than the calculated size and closest size to the calculated size.

25. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 23, wherein said image storage apparatus comprises correction means for correcting the size of the obtained image so as to match with the actual print size requested by said data communication apparatus.

26. (Currently amended) A control method of a data communication apparatus connected to an image storage apparatus via a network, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a print request including ID information identifying an image and an actual image size of the image to be printed;

if the print request includes multiple actual image sizes for the same ID information, requesting one of the multiple actual image sizes to the image storage apparatus via the network and acquiring image data having the requested actual print size from the image storage apparatus; and

generating print information corresponding to each of the multiple actual print sizes, using the acquired image data,

wherein said image storage apparatus obtains image data from an image storage device on the basis of a characteristic of a printer to be used and a characteristic of a recording medium on which image is printed, and transfers the obtained image data to said data communication apparatus.

27. (Currently amended) A storage medium storing a program that causes a computer, which loads and executes the program, to serve as a data communication apparatus connected to an image storage apparatus via a network, wherein the program comprises:

program code of a reception step of receiving a print request including ID information identifying an image and an actual image size of the image to be printed;

program code of an acquisition step of, if the print request includes multiple actual image sizes for the same ID information, requesting one of the multiple actual image sizes to the image storage apparatus via the network and acquiring image data having the requested actual print size from the image storage apparatus; and

program code of a generating step of generating print information corresponding to each of the multiple actual print sizes, using the acquired image data,

wherein said image storage apparatus obtains image data from an image storage device on the basis of a characteristic of a printer to be used and a characteristic of a recording medium on which image is printed, and transfers the obtained image data to said data communication apparatus.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Original) An image print system having a center server, an image storage apparatus, and a client apparatus which communicates with each other via a network, wherein said center server comprises:

transferring means for transferring image data having a resolution for displaying to said client apparatus;

reception means for receiving, from said client apparatus, a print request including ID information identifying the image data transferred by said transferring means and an actual print size of the image data;

acquisition means for, if the print request includes a multiple actual print sizes for the same ID information, requesting one of the multiple actual print sizes to the image storage apparatus via the network and acquiring image data having the requested actual print size from the image storage apparatus;

generating means for generating print information corresponding to each of the multiple actual print sizes, using the acquired image data. The system according to claim 28, further comprising

wherein the image print system comprises charging means for charging image use fee on the basis of the actual print sizes, a characteristic of a printer to be used and a characteristic of recording mediums on which images are printed.

30. (New) A control method of a data communication apparatus connected to an image storage apparatus via a network, said method comprising the steps of:

receiving a print request including ID information identifying an image and an actual print size of the image to be printed;

if the print request includes multiple actual print sizes for the same ID information, requesting one of the multiple actual print sizes to the image storage apparatus

via the network and acquiring image data having the requested one actual print size from the image storage apparatus; and

generating print information corresponding to each of the multiple actual print sizes, using the acquired image data,

wherein said image storage apparatus calculates the size of image to be obtained, on the basis of the actual print size requested by said data communication apparatus, and obtains the image data having the ID information from an image storage device and transfers the obtained image data to said data communication apparatus.

31. (New) A storage medium storing a program that causes a computer, which loads and executes the program, to serve as a data communication apparatus connected to an image storage apparatus via a network, wherein the program comprises:

program code of a reception step of receiving a print request including ID information identifying an image and an actual print size of the image to be printed;

program code of an acquisition step of, if the print request includes multiple actual print sizes for the same ID information, requesting one of the multiple actual print sizes to the image storage apparatus via the network and acquiring image data having the requested one actual print size from the image storage apparatus; and

program code of a generating step of generating print information corresponding to each of the multiple actual print sizes, using the acquired image data,

wherein said image storage apparatus calculates the size of image to be obtained, on the basis of the actual print size requested by said data communication apparatus, and obtains the image data having the ID information from an image storage device and transfers the obtained image data to said data communication apparatus.